

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 Methods and systems for routing information to a destination through a plurality of networks, wherein at least one of the networks is a packet network. The system comprises a routing processor for receiving a routing query signal, which specifies the destination to which the information will be routed and a memory for storing at least one characteristic of the destination. The processor determines a route for the transmission of the information based on the routing query and on the characteristics stored in the memory.